

positioning the lens so that the light source is focused on the desired point in space". Even assuming, arguendo, that this is the case, Krichever does not show or suggest the further step of securing the lens to forward receiving surface. That is, whereas the applicants process involves the step of positioning the lens in order to focus the light source at a desired point in space and then securing it to remain in that position, Krichever does not show or suggest this approach. Rather, he fixes the lens 36 to the barrel and then moves the lens relative to the diode for scanning purposes but does not secure it in that position. This final securing step is an important feature of the present invention and is not shown or suggested by the cited reference.

In view of the above amendment, the applicants believe that the present claims 36 and 38-42 are patentably distinctive over the Krichever reference. A passing of the case to issue is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

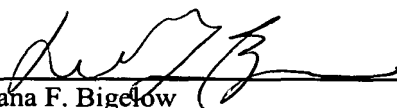
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Attachment A

36. A method of assembling an illumination package for an optical reader including the steps of:

providing a support having a forward receiving surface;

positioning a forwardly projecting light source on said support;

adjustably positioning a lens on said forward receiving surface such that said light source passes therethrough and is focused at a point in space;

[and] adjusting the position of said lens on said forward receiving surface so that said light source is focused on a desired point in space[.] and

then securing said lens to said forward receiving surface.

Attachment B

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then securing said lens to said forward receiving surface.